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TOPIC Soviet Troops and High Unit Headquarters in EBERSWALDE Area

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Mid-August 1949

1. The following observations were made in the EBERSWALDE (N 53/V 08) area between 14 and 20 August 1949:

a. Unit headquarters on Thaelmennstrasse:

Corps or army headquarters with the _____ 25X1C

The following officers were observed there on 20 August 1949:

No branch-of-service insignia: Nine colonels

Tank insignia:

Seven lieutenant colonels
Twelve majors
Eight captains

Artillery insignia:

Six lieutenant colonels
Eight majors
Five captains

Infantry insignia:

Eight lieutenant colonels
Twelve majors
Nine captains

Antiaircraft insignia:

Two majors
Four captains

Engineer insignia:

One major
Two captains

Air force insignia:

Two captains

MVD insignia:

One lieutenant colonel
Two majors.

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Two generals of this headquarters left recently for an unknown destination.

b. Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalder Strasse - Sommerfelder Strasse:

Occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,000 troops since 14 August 1949. The troops previously quartered in this Kaserne had left for maneuvers.

Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were observed at the Kaserne. 25X1C

c. Schuetzen Kaserne on Bramper Chaussee:

Occupied by 300 to 400 recruits of an antiaircraft artillery unit since 14 August 1949. Twelve anti-aircraft guns of about 50 mm caliber and motor vehicles 25X1C

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[REDACTED] were observed with the troops.

A rear detail of a tank and mechanized unit, away on maneuvers, was also quartered in this Kaserne. Motor

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vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1C

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[REDACTED] belonged to the latter unit.

d. New cantonment on Breitscheidstrasse:

Occupied by 300 recruits, 13 to 20 years of age, since about 10 August 1949. Some of the recruits wore the following insignia (allegedly antiaircraft artillery):



e. Cantonment on Linow Canal, near the destroyed Bartenwinkler Bridge:

Occupied by anti-aircraft artillery and motor transport units. On 24 July 1949, [REDACTED] was identified in the cantonment. Motor vehicles observed there [REDACTED]

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The cantonment, in which nine 165 by 330-foot buildings and one 330 by 650-foot building were observed, was still being enlarged.

Two trucks dumped iron barrels (containing titanic tetrachloride and hexasthanechloride) in the cantonment on 30 July 1949. The motor transport unit in the cantonment was said to be a motor pool with 64 trucks, 13 passenger cars and 3 motorcycles.

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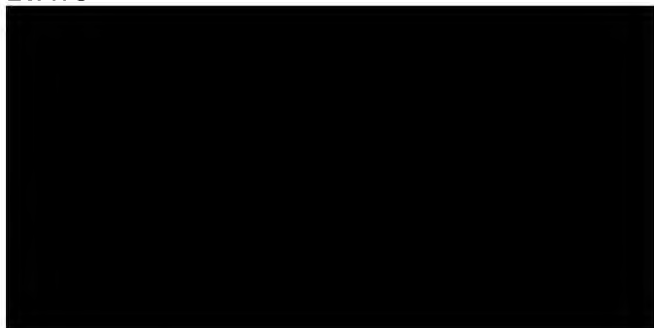
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f. Tank repair shop on Geschwister Scholl Strasse:
The repair shop was operated by about 80 troops and had an alleged capacity of six to eight tanks being repaired daily.

g. Bantonnent (former concentration camp for women) near "Eisenspalterei" railroad station:
Ammunition and clothing supply depot.

h. Restricted area in the woods near SPECHTHAUSEN (south of EBERSWALDE):

Ammunition dump and parking lot for guns and motor vehicles.

i. 2,000 by 2,600-foot area south of Briftstrasse:
The following excavations were observed:

(1) Excavations, about 26 feet long, and 10 feet wide, covered by a roof-like wooden framework.

(2) Three semi-circular gun emplacements,* about 35 feet in diameter, with ditches 30 inches wide and about 5 feet deep near the railroad embankment.



Width of the ditch: 70 cm
Depth of the ditch: 160 cm

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1 to 5 September 1949

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2. a. Trucks [redacted] carried ammunition from the "Eisenspalterei" dump towards EBERSWALDE, allegedly to the Kaserne, on 1 and 4 September 1949.

b. About 400 troops arrived at the EBERSWALDE Kaserne by truck on 5 September 1949. The following truck

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[redacted]

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The troops, who appeared to be very fatigued, allegedly came from maneuvers in the FRANKFURT/Oder (053/V 63) area.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

The following troop movements were observed in BERLIN-WEST between 27 July and 13 August 1949:

a. 27 July 1949 at 4 a.m.:

Two trains carrying tanks passed through the town, proceeding towards BERLIN.

b. 28 July 1949 at 11:30 p.m.:

One train carrying heavy tanks passed through the town, proceeding towards BERLIN.

c. 6 August 1949 at about 2 p.m.:

Nineteen trucks, coming from the direction of FRIEDRICHSDORF (A 53/V 03), moved along Ernst-Thaelmann-Strasse towards the railroad station. The following truck [REDACTED] secured:

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Twelve of the trucks, pulling light guns of about 50 mm caliber, were each occupied by five men and carried a canvas-covered device.

d. 13 August 1949 between 3 and 6 p.m.:

Twelve trucks, occupied by troops armed with submachine guns and carrying light equipment (as carried in assault), heading west. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment:

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a. The report is forwarded with reservations and is not considered a confirmation of previous information because of the following reasons:

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(1) Although the reported motor vehicle [REDACTED] belong to [REDACTED] known to be assigned to the component units of the Fourth Gds Recz Army (Gadre), their appearance in the BERLIN-WEST Kaserne appears to have been too haphazard. It is improbable that [REDACTED] of all component units of the Fourth Gds Recz Army (Gadre), including the army [REDACTED] units, should have appeared in one Kaserne at the same time.

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(2) [REDACTED] (allegedly observed in the BERLIN-WEST Kaserne plant, i.e. the HQ of the Fourth Gds Recz Army (Gadre) ?) and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in July 1949. To believe the information, the two [REDACTED] must at least be confirmed by a third reliable source.

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b. The statement that 1,400 to 1,700 newly arrived recruits were quartered in three EBERSWALDE kasernes and that the EBERSWALDE combat units were absent on maneuvers (possibly in the TEMPLIN area?) on 14 August 1949 may be correct.

c. The observation of 400 troops allegedly returning from maneuvers in the FRANKFURT/Oder area (Hq units of the Fourth Mecz Army (Cadre?)) is given credence.

* So described by source.

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